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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT CORRECTED)

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SUBJECT: REPORTS OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES HAVING BEEN REFUSED TEMPORARY ASYLUM IN MALAYSIA

REF: A. BANGKOK 12378 (NOTAL, B. KUALA LUMPUR 3678 (NOTAL) PARAS 8 AND 9, C. KUALA LUMPUR 3603 (NOTAL), D. KUALA LUMPUR 3578 (NOTAL)

1. ON MORNING OF MAY 1 AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION CALLED REF OPS. TO REPORTS TWO BOATS, KG 0716 D.C. AND KG 1818 D.C., 50 AND 36 PERSONS-ON-BOARD RESPECTIVELY, WERE PUSHED OFF FROM TRENGGANU, SITE OF PULAU BESAR REFUGEE CAMP, REF D.

2. UNHCR REP. CARPENTER CALLED IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS TO SAY UNHCR EAST COAST REP. VON SUNTEN, STATIONED AT TRENGGANU, CONFIRMED REFUSALS TO LAND. CARPENTER HOPEFUL THAT BOATS
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WILL BE GIVEN REFUGE FURTHER DOWN COAST, PERHAPS AT KUANTAN, PAHANG STATE OR IN JOHORE STATE.

3. COMMENT: ABOUT 5,000, OF MORE THAN 7,000 REFUGEES NOW IN-COUNTRY, ARE AT PULAU BESAR, TRENGGANU. CONFIRMED

REFUSALS OF ASYLUM THERE REFLECT TRENGGANU LOCAL AUTHORITIES'

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INCREASING CONERN OVER HUGE CAMP POPULATION AND SLOW MOVE-
MENT OUT OF CAMP TO COUNTRIES OF RESETTLEMENT. AUSTRALIAN
ACCEPTANCES EXPECTED TO BE CONCENTRATED IN JOHORE CAMP AT
PULAU TENGAH FROM WHERE BOATS DEPART FOR DARWIN. IF WE ARE
TO HELP RELIEVE PRESSURE IN TRENGGANU IN TIME TO AFFECT
ACCEPTANCE ATTITUDE, SPONSORSHIP AND ASSURANCES MUST BE
RECEIVED HERE ASAP. REFUGEE CARRYING VOLAG BIO-DATA ON OVER 700
INS-APPROVED REFUGEES FOR ACVA SPONSORSHIP ACTIONS ARRIVING
NEW YORK PA 800, MAY 2, 1715 HOURS.

4. JVA REPS. NOW ENROUTE TO PULAU BESAR AND TO PULAU TENGAH,
JOHORE. MESSAGE JUST RECEIVED FROM AUSTRALIAN REP. AT PULAU
TENGAH RELATES BOATS HAVING CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY LANDING
THERE AS WELL, REF. D. JVA REP. WILL IMPLEMENT PROCEDURE PER
REFTEL B PARAS 8 AND 9 UPON ARRIVAL AT PULAU TENGAH.
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